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Newsletter Quiz:

As promised in the last publication there would be a quiz in this newsletter and the winner of the draw will receive a \$20 restaurant voucher.

The quiz questions are provided in the first page. All the answers can be found in this newsletter. You should answer all the questions and fill in your details on page 3. Cut the details from the newsletter and drop it in the box provided in the mosque's foyer.

The winner of the draw will be announced in the next publication 4th September. The winner could then claim the voucher from MUSA .

News and Notices

Badminton Tournament:

MUSA badminton tournament went very successful. The attendees were lower than previous years - but AlhamdulillahALLAH about 20 people participated in the tournament. Masroor and Ali the youngsters of the tournament were nominated as the talented players of the tournament. Jonaid Alam won the singles' game. In the double's game again Jonaid Alam and Aimal Bashir were the winners.

Protest 12pm, 22 August

The war in Afghanistan is not a "Good War". It is an occupation, and neither "human rights" nor "women's rights" have anything to do with it. Over 30,000 innocent civilians have already lost

their lives in this conflict, and this number is increasing everyday. Meanwhile, at home, education funding is being slashed. Thousands of New Zealanders will lose adult education so that 70 SAS troops can take part in the war in Afghanistan. We should not be sending any troops to participate in this appalling war. Oppose spending our taxpayer dollars on war instead of the future of our youth. The protest is in the **Dunedin City Octagon.**

Ramadhan moon sighting

The exact date of Ramadhan is still uncertain. FIANZ expects the start date to be on 22 August. OMA has organised a moon sighting event on **Friday 21 August at 5.30pm.** Brothers who would like to attend should be present at Al-Huda mosque at 5.30pm.

Quran Competition

Every Ramadhan, MUSA organises a Quran competition. This year the Quran competition will be held on the **5th of September at 4pm at Al-Huda mosque.** All brothers are encouraged to register for the competition. More details are provided on the poster in the mosque foyer .

Ramadhan aid

AlhamdulillahALLAH similar to previous years (with the donation of Muslim brothers and sisters) iftar will be provided at the mosque. But we still need donations to continue to help us provide dinner for the whole month. We also require volunteers for cleaning. If you are able to help please contact one of the MUSA members.

Newsletter Quiz Questions

(From your reading of this issue of the Al-Huda newsletter, you can answer all these question).

1- Classify the following 2 Ahadeeth as either Marfu' or Mauquf

عن عائشة رضي الله عنها أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم كان إذا أخذ مضجعه نفث في يديه ، وقرأ بالمعوذات ، ومسح بهما جسده. (صحيح البخاري)

a) Narrated 'Aisha RAA: Whenever the Prophet SAWS went to bed, he used to blow on his hands while reciting the Mu'auwidhat (i.e. Surat-AlFalaq and Surat-an-Nas, 113 and 114) and then pass his hands over his body. (Sahih AlBukhari; Volume 8, Book 75-Invocations, Number 331)

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى يحب لأخيه ما يحب لنفسه. (صحيح البخاري)

b) Narrated Anas RAA: The Prophet said, "None of you will have faith till he wishes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself." (Sahih AlBukhari; Volume 1, Book 2-Belief, Number 12)

2- Why do you think the Ramadhan cooking timetable has NOT been put out on the mosque noticeboards?

Letter from MUSA president

Assalamualikum WRB,

Welcome to Al-Huda newsletter in one of its two Ramadan issues. I hope you all enjoy reading it. Please let us in (MUSA) know if we can make it any more interesting or educational inshAllah.

Alhamdulillah, MUSA and OMA have been putting their hands together in preparation for Ramadan. I encourage everybody to donate for this year's iftars. It has been reported that the Prophet -PBUH- promised anybody contributing to the iftar of a brother/sister to get the reward of that person! So imagine getting the rewards of nearly 300 brothers and sisters in ONE day!

As usual, MUSA is preparing for some "Ramadan activities". InshAllah, we will be having our annual Ramadan Quiz, so keep an eye on those questions. Also, we are planning to hold a Quran Competition on Saturday 5th September, so that the maximum number of people can turn up inshAllah. Please note that there will be **sweet** prizes to be won!

For our youth, MUSA is organising a foosball tournament. It will include small games between Asr and Maghrib inshAllah. In terms of social sports, we will shift volleyball games to Thursdays after Taraweeh inshAllah. It takes the brothers a lot of time to set up for iftar, set up for volleyball and set up for Juma'! InshAllah this way we can keep the hassle to a minimum.

As for the Ramadan cooking timetable, Mus'ab, Rizwan and myself are taking care of it inshAllah. Please have a read of "Ramadan Iftar 101" before booking for a date. InshAllah this year we plan on having a more organised cooking schedule.

Also, I would like to congratulate sister Chloe (bro. Ali Idris' wife) on winning the "Wearable Arts Competition" here in Dunedin for 2009. MashAllah, this is a very awesome achievement, and I feel very happy to see our brothers and sisters succeed in their field. May Allah guide her to the best and make her successful for our Ummah.

Alright guys, I think that's it for this week. I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this publication (given that you read my article first, hopefully?). May Allah bless us with fasting yet another Ramadan, and bless us to pray in the Mosque and bless us by accepting our good deeds inshAllah.

JAK all,
Wassalamualikum

Yassar Alamri

Ramadhan Iftar 101

Below are some rules for Ramadhan cooks to adhere to inshAllah (based on suggestions/complaints from previous years):

1. Please do **NOT** argue and/or be offended if your first choice date has been already booked by somebody else.
2. Only 20kg of rice **AND** 25kg of meat (your choice of chicken drums/chicken portions/beef mince/beef shins) will be provided per day.
3. Please let one of the brothers listed below know about your choice of meat at the time of booking (at least 7 days in advance). This will hopefully guarantee that you get your choice of meat inshAllah.
4. You are allowed to spend up to **\$170 per day** on other ingredients. You will be compensated soon after receipt provision to any of the brothers listed below. If you choose to spend more, difference will be considered as a charity from you.
5. **Please note that NO FOOD will be allowed OUTSIDE the Mosque before Maghrib. If you have a flatmate/family member who is going to be late, please advise any of MUSA brothers/sisters to prepare them with a takeaway bag.**
6. Only **ONE** weekend day will be allowed per group/family (let's give other brothers and sisters a chance!).
7. **Unless** there are **NOT enough** people to **serve, ONLY MUSA brothers will do the serving**. If you are interested, please talk to any of the brothers listed below to be in from DAY 1.
8. **Only SENIORS** will have their plates brought to them (by MUSA brothers).
9. **The reason for NOT putting up cooking timetable is that in the past the timetable has been personally manipulated without pre-arrangements. This has led to so much trouble and mix-ups. We appreciate your understanding.**
10. **Please include name, date and your choice of meat when booking via text/email.**

ONLY brothers to contact to book a day are:

Bro. Mus'ab Umayr: 02102408534 (kl_2ptn@yahoo.com)

Bro. Yassar Alamri: 021750015 (yasao@hotmail.com)

Bro. Mohammed Rizwan: 0211085235 (mohammed.rizwan@anatomy.otago.ac.nz)

Story Board

When Imam Shafi'ee was young, he used to go frequently to majlis (talks) Imam Malik to seek knowledge. However, because he was young at the time, he couldn't attend the sessions. Instead, he asks the people outside about Imam Malik's fatwa. Once a man came to Imam Malik and said: "Oh Imam, I have told my wife that she is divorced if she isn't more beautiful than the moon!" Imam Malik said: "You have divorced her". The man went out sorrowed. Imam Shafi'ee asked him outside about Imam's Malik Fatwa and the man told him. Imam shafi'ee went to Imam Malik and said " Oh, Imam, Allah SWT says " Surely We created man of the best stature" Surah At-Tin, Verse 4. " Imam Malik said " Malik was mistaken and Al-Shafi'ee is right". From that point in time Imam Shafi'ee was able to seek knowledge at the majlis of Imam Malik.

By Haitham Al Mahrouqi



Science of Hadith

First of all, it is important to appreciate the broadness of this area –the science of hadith– in Islam, and the crucial role Mu-haddithun (scholars of Hadith) have in assessing narrations and ahadeeth and differentiating the genuine from the fabricated or incorrect. Such exhausting efforts are extremely difficult as one may imagine, yet they are vital, and allow Muslims the world over to be able to learn and understand the correct teachings – neither incomplete nor blemished – of the Prophet SAWS and his Sunnah: the second of the two fundamental sources of knowledge in Islam (after the Quran), which is contained in the vast body of Hadith literature.

A **Hadith** is composed of 2 parts: The **Matn** (المتن or **text** and the **Isnad** (الاسناد or **chain of reporters**. The soundness of the latter is particularly critical because a hadith with a seemingly rational and reasonable matn must have an authentic isnad with reliable reporters for it to be acceptable.

Yet it is logical at this point to ask: Why would there be a need to verify an isnad if the hadith, regardless of its matn, will ultimately be the direct saying of the Prophet SAWS, or a clear description of an action taken by him? There are two issues that are interlinked to consider here; during the lifetime and after the death of the Prophet SAWS, the Sahabah (Companions of the Prophet SAWS) used to quote him directly. Similarly, the Successors (Tabi'un – or the generation that followed the Companions) quoted him SAWS through the Sahabah, but it turns out that in some cases the intermediate link between the Successor and the Prophet would be unknown; which could in fact be a single Companion. Nevertheless, it gives rise to the necessity of validating the authenticity of the intermediate(s); since amidst the generations that succeeded the Prophet SAWS and his Companions, there rose Muslims of devious sects, who deliberately fabricated ahadeeth to support their views, alleging that they were genuine.

So, on a simple level, examination of the isnads of ahadeeth by scholars allows a clear distinction to be made between (acceptable) narrations of Ahl al Sunnah (Adherents to the Sunnah) and those (unacceptable) of Ahl al Bid'ah (Adherents to Innovation).

The acceptance of ahadeeth involves the consideration of strict conventions, contained within the “Mustalah Al-Hadith” (Classification of Hadith). This system places ahadeeth into numerous classes, in accordance with their type.

Let us consider the classification of ahadeeth according to **References to a Particular Authority**:

Marfu' (مرفوع (Elevated): A narration from the Prophet SAWS eg a Companion says “I heard the Messenger of Allah SAWS saying...”

Mauquf (موقوف (Stopped): A narration from a Companion only, using their own words eg the expressions- “We were commanded to...”; “We were forbidden from...”; “It used to be said that...”

Maqtu' (مقطوع (Severed): A narration from a Successor

This primary classification of a hadith is a very useful tool since it allows for a separate categorisation of the Prophet's SAWS sayings, a Companion's narration and a Successor's narration, which is especially helpful when discussions are made amongst scholars regarding Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) and the strength, or levels of evidence of each hadeeth.

Answer the Questions: Note: After answering the question cut this part out and put it in the box provided in the mosque foyer.

Answer to question one requires reading the Science of Hadith. Furthermore, question two's answer is provided in Ramadhan Iftar 101 (on page 2). Failing to answer the questions correctly will eliminate you from the draw. The closing date for the draw is **28th August**. MUSA is not responsible if you lose your answer or fail to submit the answers on time.

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| Answer 1) a- _____ b- _____ |
| Answer 2) _____ _____ _____ |

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| Your Name: _____ Cell phone No: _____ Email Address: _____ |
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Ramadhan Mubarak

Asalamu 'alaikum my dear sisters,

Every year many of us make 'Ramadan Resolutions', we hope to finish reading the Quran, we promise Allah subhanahu wa tala and ourselves to do more dhikr, to perform our prayers on time if we have trouble with that, or to perform more voluntary work in the community. This is all great, but this question must be asked; do we stick to these resolutions? Do we fulfil these promises that we are making to Allah subhanahu wa tala and to ourselves? Are we working hard enough to fulfil them?

My dearest sisters, each year, we prepare ourselves for the coming of Ramadan, but we fool ourselves into believing that we will drive right through all 30 days fully

equipped with tools of worshipping, fully indulged in the blessed days of the month.

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: When there comes the month of Ramadan, the gates of mercy are opened, and the gates of Hell are locked and the devils are chained.

-Hadith number in Sahih Muslim [Arabic only]: 1793

What could be better than increasing our hasanaat (good deeds)? Salaah is an ideal start, can easily be done by performing the fard prayers on time and attending Taraweeh at the masjid. Another simple

act we can perform to increase our good deeds is reading the Holy Quran. Some of you might find it difficult to read all 30 chapters; I know I do. Why not form a group? Gather a few friends, meet up somewhere you will all be comfortable and read as many pages per day as you can, and inshaAllah with a strong will and Allah's help, you will have finished reading the Holy Quran by Eid day. We all use the term "I cannot" more times than necessary, but now more than any other time during the year say "I can" and inshaAllah you will.

- By Amina Abdi

To be the Most Beautiful Woman in the World

With your beauty, you are better than the sun; with your morals you are more sublime than musk; with your modesty you are nobler than the full moon; with your compassion you are more beneficial than rain. So, preserve your beauty with faith, your tranquillity with contentment, your chastity with hijab. Remember that your adornment is not gold, silver or diamonds, rather, it is


two rak'ahs at Fajr, going thirsty when you fast for Allah, concealed charity which no one knows except Him, hot tears that wash away sin, a lengthy prostration born of utter submission to Allah, shyness before Allah when the inclination to do evil overwhelms you. Clothe yourself with the garments of modesty, for you are the most beautiful woman in the world even if you are

barefoot.

Excerpt from "You Can Be The Happiest Woman in the World – A Treasure Chest of Reminders" by Dr. 'Aid al-Qarni, pg 54.


Provided by Chloe Idris

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